

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, on January 8, 2009 at 03:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 27, SB 64, SB 73, SB 88, 12/30/2008
Executive Action: SB 73

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:31 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 27**,
Require report on conservation measures in
transportation sector.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:11 None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:16 None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:24 Jim Lynch, Director, State Department of Transportation
(DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:47 Sen. Tutvedt

00:06:18 Jim Lynch

00:08:23 Sen. Tutvedt

00:08:35 Jim Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:39 Sen. Hawks

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:25 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 73**,
Revise laws on medium-speed electric vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:14 Ron Gompertz, Citizen, Great Falls

00:25:09 Connie Campbell, Citizen, Belgrade

00:26:05 Sheena Rice, University of Montana

00:26:36 Tyler Evilsizer, SAVE Foundation of Helena

00:27:41 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:24 None

Informational Testimony:

00:30:34 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:39 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:43 Sen. Hawks

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

00:33:28 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that **SB 73 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:33:37 Sen. Tutvedt

00:34:13 Chairman Brueggeman

00:34:45 Sen. Keane

00:35:23 Sen. Zinke

00:35:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:55 **SEN. MITCH TROPILA (D)**, SD 12, opened the hearing on **SB 88**, Revise and clarify school speed zone law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:45 George Littlefield, Citizen, Great Falls

00:43:41 Dave Houtz, Great Falls Public Schools

00:44:38 Jerry Hoover, Great Falls Big Sky Bus Lines

00:45:38 Laura Huston, Great Falls, crossing guard

00:46:42 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Public Schools

00:48:01 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contract

00:48:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:49:06 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:49:36 Mary Kay Linke, Citizen

00:51:44 Bob Runkel, Acting Deputy, Office of Public Instruction
(OPI)

00:52:35 Linda Gryczan, Citizen

EXHIBIT(his04a01)

00:53:37 Jim Lynch, Director, DOT

00:54:29 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:14 None

Informational Testimony:

00:55:20 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:25 Sen. Hinkle

00:56:23 Sen. M. Tropila
00:57:21 Sen. Laible
00:58:18 Sen. M. Tropila
00:59:23 Sen. Tutvedt
00:59:50 Sen. M. Tropila
01:00:12 George Littlefield
01:00:57 Chairman Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:53 Sen. M. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:32 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R)**, SD 44, opened the hearing on **SB 64**, License plate for volunteer EMT and tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:31 James Laidlaw, Chairman, EMS Alliance
01:16:43 Cory Connor, Director, Sweetgrass County Ambulance
01:19:43 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association,
American Stroke Association

EXHIBIT(his04a02)

01:25:56 Tim Yuzeitis, Sweetgrass County Ambulance
01:30:31 Scott Mitchell, CEO, Wheatland Memorial Hospital
01:32:21 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Montana
Catholic Hospitals
01:33:53 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:46 None

Informational Testimony:

01:34:50 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ, Motor Vehicle Division
01:35:24 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers' Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:43 Chairman Brueggeman
01:36:25 Brenda Nordlund
01:36:30 Chairman Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:02 Sen. Laible

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P. M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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